

University Faculty accepts changes to faculty guidelines amendments

The University Faculty voted to accept changes to amendments of faculty guidelines governing rank, promotion, merit increases, and tenure at its Oct. 28 meeting.

The administration had earlier opposed the original wording of the amendments and proposed several changes based on its own analysis and advice from the University's legal counsel. The University Council, which consists of administration and faculty representatives, met with representatives of Committee A (Faculty Welfare) Oct. 16 and agreed on the new wording.

Faculty Senate Chairman William Marshall called the meeting "precedent-shattering" and added "the shared governance process between the University Faculty and administration moved significantly forward."

The changes will now be inserted into the guidelines and sent to the administration for inclusion in the agenda for the Board of Trustees February meeting, Dr. Marshall said.

The amended guidelines also have passed review by the University counsel, according to Dr. Bette Martin, special assistant to President I. King Jordan.

In other business, Marshall reported that following an Oct. 24 meeting of faculty officers and University officials with the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs Committee, the committee decided to stop holding its meetings in executive session and will now hold open meetings. The committee

also agreed to meet with faculty representatives again in February.

A 1988 request by the senate that a faculty member be appointed to the board with full voting rights and privileges is still being considered, Marshall said.

Dr. David Pancost of Committee E (Salary and Benefits) reported that the proposed merit increase and promotion award plan was not accepted by the senate, as reported in the Oct. 21 issue of *On the Green*, but had been returned to Committee E for further consideration.

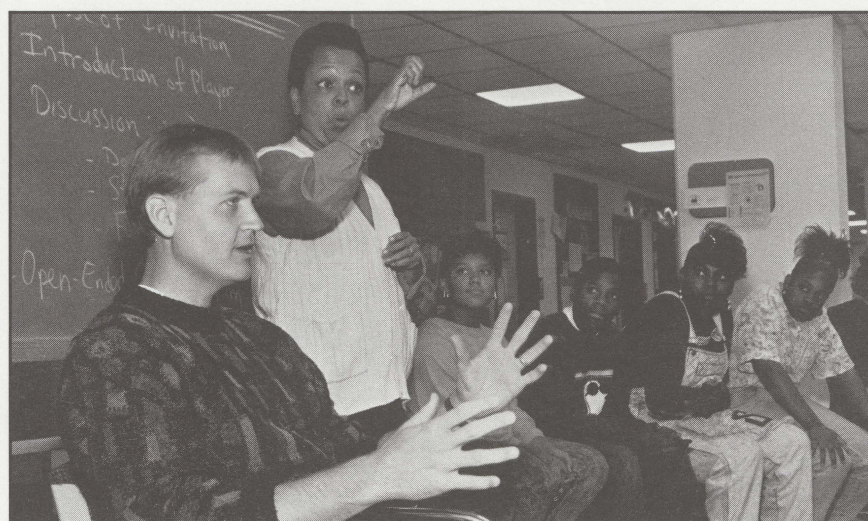
Dr. Martin Noretsky of Committee F (Faculty Development) reported that the committee has received \$50,000 for immediate distribution for faculty development. Interested faculty members have until Nov. 13 to apply. The committee hopes to make all awards by Thanksgiving, he said.

Dr. Larry Stewart reported on recent actions of the Task Force on University Policies (TFPOL). Dr. Jordan established TFPOL last spring to review University policies, bylaws, and guidelines to identify where responsibility and authority rests and to eliminate overlap, Stewart said.

TFPOL consists of representatives of the board, administration, staff, and faculty. It is currently reviewing and analyzing the Administration and Operations manual, the University and Pre-College Faculty guidelines, and the University Faculty, Pre-College faculty, and Board of Trustees bylaws, Stewart said.



Zenith Sales Company President Gerald McCarthy donates Zenith's first color TV set with built-in closed caption circuitry to President I. King Jordan on behalf of the University. Zenith is selling five models of the TV, with screens from 13-27 inches.



Washington Redskins punter Kelly Goodburn visits KDES Nov. 5 and talks to students about the importance of staying in school and avoiding drug use.

UFP (unidentified flying pumpkin) alert

Look! Up in the air! Is it a bird? A plane? No, by gosh... It's a flying pumpkin!!

Yes, the sky over the Eagle Crest Aerodrome near Lewes, Del., was thick with soaring orange pumpkins Nov. 2 when competitors, including three teams of Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) students, accepted the sixth annual "Punkin' Chunkin' Challenge."

The object of the challenge is to see who can build a machine that will throw a pumpkin weighing eight to nine pounds the farthest. The winner is awarded the title of "World Champion Punkin' Chunker" and a year's worth of bragging rights.

This year's challenge attracted 11 teams and a crowd of 8,000, according to Mary Ellsworth, MSSD physics instructor. The MSSD students were the only high school students who participated in the event, she said.

By entering the competition, students "apply physics and mathematical principles to an actual engineering problem," Ellsworth said. "We will use this experience to build an understanding of physics during the rest of the school year." Students kept statistics during the competition to calculate how high each pumpkin traveled, its speed of propulsion, and its speed at impact.

Each six-member MSSD team spent three weeks designing and building their machines, Ellsworth said. Although machines may use any design, including motors or computers, the MSSD students restricted themselves to launchers that relied on the laws of physics.

All machines at the competition made three throws. From MSSD, "The Lean, Mean Catapultin' Machine," sponsored by Gallaudet Physics Department Chairman Gerald Daly, threw an 8 lb. pumpkin 41.9

feet. "The Greek Warrior," sponsored by the *International Journal of Pumpkin Throwing*, threw an 8.25 lb. pumpkin 58.3 feet. "The Thing from Where," sponsored by Women in Science and Engineering, Inc., threw an 8.5 lb. pumpkin 91 feet.

As impressive as these performances were, they couldn't stand up to "The Ultimate Warrior," built by a team from Lewes, which won the challenge with a 607.5 foot throw, although it was a far cry from its world record of 774.5 feet. "Warrior" used a 20-foot arm mounted on a belt-driven auto axle. The arm was swung around until a computer released the pumpkin when enough centrifugal force was built up.

One MSSD student, Aparna Lee, said that the project "taught me the value of teamwork." Another student, Moon Choe, said the project helped him understand "how the ancient Greeks used physics and mathematics to build the ancient war machines."



An MSSD team builds an apparatus to compete in the Punkin' Chunkin' Challenge.

Announcements

Employees will soon receive information from the Payroll Office about the tax benefit program known as the "Flexible Premium Plan," which can lower an individual's taxable income by allowing the deduction of payments for health and dental insurance costs before taxes. Under Internal Revenue Regulations, employees can elect to have these premiums paid with "before tax dollars," with taxes based on their gross salary minus health and dental insurance premiums. As a result, the employee realizes an increase in take-home pay. Retirement deductions (and later retirement annuities) continue to be based on gross income. Employees who want to enroll or continue their participation in the plan must submit forms to the Payroll Office no later than Nov. 27. For more information, call John Buchanan at x5299.

MSSD's Leadership Class is lending its assistance for the second year to PROJECT HARVEST, a Washington, D.C., organization that conducts an annual drive to provide Thanksgiving baskets to families in need. Each basket includes a fresh turkey or ham, fresh vegetables, bread, fruit, eggs, and dessert. MSSD's goal is to raise more than \$500. People who are interested in making a contribution can write checks payable to PROJECT HARVEST and mail them to Beth Betman or Diane Emmanuel at MSSD.

Open season for the federal employee health benefits enrollment begins Tuesday, Nov. 12 and ends Dec. 9. During this time, regular and extended temporary employees with at least one year of service can change insurance plans and options, or sign up for the first time. In recognition of open season, there will be a health insurance plan fair on Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room, with representatives from various plans on hand to answer questions. At noon,

a lecture on "How to Choose the Right Health Plan" will be held in Ely Auditorium. To change or join a plan, pick up a required form at the following locations: Chapel Hall, Personnel Office; KDES, Room 3202; MSSD, Room 204C; HMB, Room 109; CUB, Room 300; or NWC, Dean's Office, Main Building.

The 7th annual Holiday Fair in Ely Center will be Friday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tables can be reserved in the University Center Office.

A retirement party for Alice Hagemeyer, Washington, D.C.'s librarian for the deaf community and the world's first deaf municipal librarian, will be held in "Ole Jim" on Friday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. People who wish to honor Hagemeyer either by attending or contributing toward a gift are asked to send a check or money order for \$15 made payable to the District of Columbia Association of Deaf Citizens, P.O. Box 76641, Washington, DC 20013-6641. For more information, call Hubert Anderson Jr., DCADC president, (202) 651-5263 or 966-2031, or DCADC secretary Janice Rosen, (202) 296-6220 (eves.), all TDD.

"The Transition Toward Bilingual Education of Deaf Children in Sweden and Denmark: Perspectives on Language," a report by Shawn Davies, managing editor of Pre-College Programs Curriculum Development and Training, is on sale at the Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI) for \$2.50 per copy. The paper can be purchased at building T-9 (next to "Ole Jim") or by sending a check to the Office of GRI Publications in Fay House.

Sign interpreted tours of the Stratford Hall Plantation in Stratford, Va., are available seven days a week. Call (804) 493-8038 (V) in advance to be sure an interpreter is working on a particular day.

The Department of Health and Human Services has expanded its operating hours for TDD users who need to communicate with the Social Security Administration. New hours are from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday. A new number has been added to the listed telephone number to minimize TDD use by hearing callers. When TDD users dial 1-800-325-0778, they will receive a message on the screen directing them to call another toll free number.

The annual meeting of Advocates for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth will be Nov. 21, 6-9 p.m., in the upper level of "Ole Jim." The topic of the program relates to deaf adults who wish to adopt children. Representatives from public and private adoption agencies will be on hand to answer questions. The public is invited. For more information, call the Social Work Department at x5160.



Gallaudet students receive Pope John Paul II's blessing during a visit to Italy last spring. The students made the trip to study Latin and the Italian Renaissance.

Students meet Pope on trip to Italy

Twelve Gallaudet students who traveled to Italy last spring to study Latin and the history and art of the Italian Renaissance also were honored by gaining an audience with Pope John Paul II.

The students went on the excursion to supplement their classroom studies with visits to museums and historic sites related to the Renaissance. Dr. Loana Kane, an assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and Dr. Donna Ryan, an associate professor in the Department of History, accompanied the students. Kane taught Latin and Ryan taught "History of the Renaissance" and "Art of the Renaissance."

During a visit to Rome, the group visited the Vatican City and met the Pope, who greeted them individually and offered his blessing.

While they were in Rome, the students studied Michelangelo's work at St. Peter's Cathedral; took a guided tour of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel; visited the Coliseum, the Forum, the temple Vesta, Caracalla's baths, and the Pantheon; and drove along Appian Way to visit the catacombs. They also visited several students from Fabriani, a school for deaf students, who had visited Gal-

laudet last year, and dined with the school's president and several members of the Italian National Association for the Deaf.

The students spent nine days in the "living museum" of Florence, Kane said, visiting such sites as the Duomo, the Baptistry, and the Academia, where Michelangelo created "David."

The group also traveled to sites in Venice, Pisa, Lucca, and Siena, where they socialized with members of the Milan Deaf Club.

"The insights gained from firsthand experience of the places and art works of a historical period can probably be acquired in no other way," Kane said. "Hopefully the experience of students in this program can be repeated in many other forms and places."

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Because there will not be a Dec. 2 issue of *On the Green*, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, ads received Nov. 18-27 will be published Dec. 9.

FOR SALE: 3-BR 2½-bath townhouse w/huge master bedroom and living room, Greenbelt, Md., many upgrades, landscaped, fenced yard, 20 min. from Kendall Green, \$107,500. Call Mark, x5562 (V/TDD) or (301) 772-3288 (V).

FOR SALE: '83 4-dr. Mercury Lynx hatchback, AM/FM, auto. transmission, AC, inspection, tune-up, minor repairs done, \$1,400. Call Linda, (202) 675-8865 (TDD), or campus mail P.O. Box 920.

FOR SALE: Sears Kenmore washer, dryer, \$250/both. Call Angel, x6486 (V/TDD).

FOR RENT: Large basement bedroom w/bath in 4-BR house, Laurel, Md., must like dogs, avail. Dec. 1, \$275/mo. plus ¼ util. Call x5551 or (301) 776-5651 (V/TDD) after 6 p.m.

WANTED: Nonsmoker to share 2-BR 2 bath condo w/parking space, W/D, 24-hr. security, near Catholic Univ., no pets, rent neg. plus ½ util. Call (202) 265-4823 (TDD) or (301) 249-2675 (V).

FREE: 2 cats, one or both, to approved home, playful black 6-mo.-old female, gray/white 7-mo.-old male, both feline leukemia neg., all shots, family member allergic. Call Deb Krichbaum, x5480, or E-mail DAKKRICHBAUM.

FOR SALE: '88 Sterling 825 SL, 17K mi., fully equipped, leather, like new, \$11,500. Call x5712 (V) days/eves., or E-mail SCRL_PITT.

Among Ourselves

MSSD reading/writing specialist David Schleper conducted an all-day workshop on whole language for professionals from the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville Sept. 30. Schleper also conducted a two-day workshop on whole language for teachers and support personnel at the Missouri School for the Deaf Sept. 23-24.

Gilbert Eastman, a professor in the Theatre Arts Department and host of the TV show "Deaf Mosaic," spoke about the program at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Council's workshops in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 2 and 3.

Sandy Paradis, an MSSD math teacher in the Postsecondary Enrichment Program, conducted the first session in the third year of the Instrumental Enrichment program for faculty and staff Sept. 20-21 at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind.



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